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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 10/676,131	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 2, 2003	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 40770B000005/US/DVA	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) filed September 22, 2006.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request cannot be approved because no reasons for withdrawal have been provided. The Office cannot, at this time, determine whether practitioner's request is one of the mandatory or permissive reasons enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Any subsequent requests must include reasons for withdrawal. Please note that there is a space provided for on PTO/SB/83 (Request to Withdraw as Attorney or Agent) to supply practitioner's reasons.

In addition the withdrawal cannot be approved because the attorneys of record wish to withdraw by customer number. The listed attorneys were not appointed by customer and therefor cannot be approved to withdraw by customer number.

There are no pending office actions at the present time.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to April Wise at 571-272-1642.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "April M. Wise".

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